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**SENATE MEMORIAL 58**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**PROCLAIMING 2003 AS THE "YEAR OF ATRISCO".**

**WHEREAS, Atrisco lies in the valle de Atrisco, which spans Angostura, Algodones, Bernalillo and Isleta; and**

**WHEREAS, Atrisco was likely named by Nahuatl auxiliaries known as Tlascalans, who accompanied the Juan de Onate expedition in 1598; and**

**WHEREAS, Axlico, a Nahuatl word that is similar to the name Atrisco, means "near the waters"; and**

**WHEREAS, the Atrisco land grant is named for the valley in which it is located; and**

**WHEREAS, Atrisco is one of the first of over three hundred Spanish land grants in the Provincia de Nuevo Mexico made in 1692; and**

**WHEREAS, several people settled Atrisco in 1696, including**

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1 the extended family of Don Fernando Duran y Chaves; and

2 WHEREAS, Atrisco is the oldest Hispanic living community  
3 in Albuquerque; and

4 WHEREAS, Atrisco became one of the first incorporated  
5 towns in New Mexico in 1892; and

6 WHEREAS, the year of 2003 marks the tricentennial  
7 anniversary of the Atrisco community; and

8 WHEREAS, the "Year of Atrisco" will be observed in  
9 Bernalillo county in August 2003 during the Atrisco annual  
10 fiesta;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
12 OF NEW MEXICO that 2003 be proclaimed as the "Year of Atrisco"  
13 in the New Mexico senate in honor of the valle de Atrisco and  
14 its counties, municipalities, villages and pueblos; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the governor.

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